

MINERS TAKE POKE
NEW WAY;
27 TO 45 DEAD
Officials Act on Insistent Demands of Governor—Results Are Scouted.
QUIET NOW RESTORED;
TROOPS HELD UNNEEDED

Miners Openly Boast of Part in Massacre—Fifteen Bodies Reported Sunk in Lake.

By the Associated Press.
The coal strike situation, and particularly the mine disorders in southern Illinois, was understood to have largely occupied the attention of the cabinet at today's meeting. Secretary of Labor Davis conferred with President Harding for some time after the meeting and it was indicated that the Department of Labor would have a statement to make soon with regard to the mine disorders.

Declaration that those responsible for the southern Illinois mine disorders should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law was made today by Secretary of Labor Davis in a statement issued after consultation with President Harding.

HERRIN, Ill., June 23.—Official investigation of the mine war which resulted in the death of twenty-seven to forty-five persons near here, began today in response to insistent demands from Gov. Len Small for action by local authorities. Coroner McGowan announced an inquest would be held immediately, and State Attorney Delous L. Dury said that a special grand jury would be convened following the inquest to investigate the massacre.

The state's attorney expressed doubt that any definite results would be obtained through the investigation, saying that it was virtually impossible to obtain evidence. He insisted, however, that every possible step would be taken and telegraphed Gov. Small to that effect.

Simultaneously Sheriff Melvin Thaxton at Marion, the county seat, sent telegrams to Gov. Small in response to the governor's demand for information, saying that the situation was well in hand and there was no danger of future outbreaks.

Dr. Dury, in a statement made to the Associated Press, said that Gov. Small "seemed to have jumped a little too quickly" in his demands for immediate action.

Must Await Inquest.
"I have received insistent demands from the governor asking why no arrests have been made and what steps have been taken," said Mr. Dury. "Gov. Small does not seem to realize that the first step must be the coroner's inquest. I cannot move officially until that is over."

"As soon as the coroner finishes his work, I will recommend to Judge D. H. Hartwell that he call a special grand jury to investigate the affair. Evidence, however, will be hard to come by. The coroner's inquest will tell me they cannot identify any of their assailants and that they do not know the names. No one knows anything about it so far as I can learn."

"Did you question the wounded miners?" the reporter asked Mr. Dury. "Oh, yes," he replied.

Miners in Herrin streets openly boasted of their part in the massacre and dragging through the streets in a victory parade the bodies of the dead. The death list would be increased, seemed to be the consensus of opinion. Fifteen bodies were taken to the morgue and then into a pond, a miner told a correspondent for the Associated Press, and the coroner's inquest was estimated at fifteen square miles of hilly, timbered land.

The Associated Press reported that the president of the Illinois branch of the United Mine Workers of America, issued at Cincinnati, that his information indicated that four men had been killed, was interpreted as meaning that the entire number of slain was not more than seven, although of his own knowledge the Associated Press correspondent estimated that about seven men had been killed. Mr. Tarrington was expected to reach Herrin tonight.

In the wounded list there were sixteen in the Herrin Hospital, three reported in the Carbondale Hospital and three others in the Herrin Hospital. Miners, believed to be lying in their homes.

There was little question that the exact number of dead never will be known. No one seemed inclined to drag the pond where bodies were reported thrown, and the coroner's inquest was organized to seek bodies in the woods.

Called Nightful Act.
Many persons in the county upheld the slaughter as a rightful act of judgment. Citizens gathered on street corners late night and today laughed and joked over the affair and proudly boasted that "some of these people will realize that it doesn't pay to try to break a strike in Williamson county."

In the morgue women and children, as they passed through, commented on the number of the shooters who brought down these victims.

Men who openly boast that they were in the strike and that they were proud of the stories of what in war time would be called brutality.

The mine was looted and one man was killed. After being looted with a semicircle of men around him and dealt out the bills like cards, a miner was shot and killed. He was surrounded by shouting persons, who opened fire. He was surrounded by shouting persons, who opened fire. He was surrounded by shouting persons, who opened fire.

No Word of Sympathy.
He watched a man walk to the bedside of a dying man and curse him and jeer at him as he breathed his last. Through it all, although the fight area was traversed, a dozen times, there was not a word of sympathy heard for a victim.

The patient seemed to be that strikebreaker who had been shot and that he had received it.

Few of the dead could be positively identified. Most of them had been killed in the strike. He was surrounded by shouting persons, who opened fire. He was surrounded by shouting persons, who opened fire.

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WU TING FANG, FORMER MINISTER TO U. S., DEAD

China's "Grand Old Man" Passes Away
At Fallen City.

Loyal to Last as Leader in Southern Republic.

By the Associated Press.
SHANGHAI, June 23.—Wu Ting Fang, former minister to Washington, more recently foreign minister for Sun Yat Sen, in the disrupted southern republic government at Canton, died at Canton this morning, according to a Reuter dispatch.

Wu, an outstanding leader in the politics and jurisprudence of China for many years, remained, at last reports, loyal to Sun Yat Sen, and was believed to have fled Canton with the deceased South China president. The Reuter dispatch gave no details.

Picturesque Figure.
Known as the most picturesque figure in diplomatic circles at Washington during his two terms as minister from China to the United States government, Wu Ting Fang possibly did more to cement the cordial relations between that country and this than any other envoy from the orient, with the possible exception of Li Hung Chang.

Dr. Wu had a sharp tongue, was breezy, frank and unconventional, and his keen epigrams, even at the expense of important persons in official life, were constantly finding their way into print, sometimes to the embarrassment of the administration.

He was an ardent baseball enthusiast and bicycle rider, when bicycling was so popular. He was a vegetarian, and had predicted he would live 100 years.

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TERRORISTS' PLOT REVEALED BEHIND LONDON MURDER

Number of Prominent Persons Marked for Death as Marshal Wilson.

ASSASSINS REMANDED AS SEARCH CONTINUES

Fifteen Men and Woman Rounded Up, While Newspapers Vent Bitter Feeling.

By the Associated Press.
LONDON, June 23.—The police investigating the assassination of Field Marshal Wilson have come into possession of documents, says the Central News today, disclosing a conspiracy to take the lives of a number of prominent persons and conduct a campaign of outrages.

Fifteen men and one woman were arrested in the raids throughout London last night in connection with the assassination. It was announced in the house of commons by Austen Chamberlain, the government leader.

He stated that every step possible was being taken for the protection of life in Ireland and England, and in the matter of a discussion of Irish affairs would be held on Monday. Prime Minister Lloyd George, he stated, was now holding a conference on all the matters connected with the assassination of Marshal Wilson.

Two Prisoners Remanded.
James O'Brien and James Connolly, who were arrested directly after the shooting, were remanded in the Westminster police court, charged with murder. They were remanded for one week by Magistrate Cecil Chapman.

Long before the court opened a crowd of thousands gathered in front of the courthouse, but owing to the limited accommodations the police rigorously excluded the general public, allowing only those connected with the case and the newspaper men to enter.

The accused men were taken to the courtroom in a taxicab and under strong guard from the Gerald road police station. Two officers rode inside with the driver. All were fully armed and alert. In the courtroom were a number of plainclothes men who were engaged in the last year in dealing with the Sinn Fein outrages in London. As the cab abruptly pulled up at the courthouse, the door was thrown open and the accused were hustled into the building. The assassination has stirred England to its depths. Minded with feelings of sorrow and dismay are apprehensions of further outrages, as it is understood other members of parliament have been threatened.

Hunt for Investigators.
While the actual murderers were taken red-handed, a strenuous hunt for possible investigators is being conducted, and detectives last night raided all the known haunts of Sinn Fein leaders in London.

In connection with the reports of a Sinn Fein plot, the statement is made that certain houses, including the Wilson residence, have been mysteriously marked recently, and the home of Lord Carson in Rathfriland, which was guarded by armed police last night.

Field Marshal Wilson, it is learned, had been under constant surveillance by some from anonymous and other sources, but he paid no heed to them.

The question of again arming the police with automatic pistols is being considered by the government and Scotland Yard. In view of the tragedy, at the time of the shooting, a Sinn Fein leader in London and elsewhere throughout England, only a few months ago, had been threatening peace in Ireland and the cessation of the outrage campaign here the pistols were withdrawn.

Great Funeral Likely.
It is taken for granted that Sir Henry will be given a great public funeral, with the military honors due his rank and services. The likelihood is suggested of burial in St. Paul's, the resting place of many of Britain's most noted warriors, including the Duke of Wellington and Admiral Nelson.

Condolences continued today to pour in on Lady Wilson, who as soon as the sad news reached Buckingham Palace was waited upon by an equerry sent by the king and queen bearing an expression of their sorrow. The Prince of Wales also sent a personal messenger, and the duke was also waiting to be given today in celebration of his birthday, has been abandoned.

Prime Minister Lloyd George sent this telegram:

"I am deeply shocked at the ghastly crime. I can find no words to express my sympathy and grief. Please accept all my sympathy in your terrible trouble."

In Ulster it seems to be widely taken for granted that the Irish republican army was responsible, but no proof is offered and Gen. Owen O'Donnell, chief of staff, also told inquirers that the fact one of the murderers carried a copy of the Irish Times, as the paper has been on sale in public book stalls for some time.

Crisis in Prospect.
All reports from Ireland indicate that the murder has produced an uneasy feeling among law-abiding people apart from the natural indignation at the coldbloodedness of the crime. The Belfast correspondent of the Times telegraphs his paper that if the assumption there that the Sinn Fein was responsible shall prove correct the situation will immediately become one of extreme gravity. Popular opinion is already inflamed, he says, and anything more excited than this would be disastrous.

The Times' Dublin correspondent says the news of the murder was received there with feelings of sorrow and almost with despair, as coming at a time when there were growing prospects of improved relations between the north and south.

He adds:

"The murder will be regarded as an act of war upon Ulster, and will stir passions which may lead to terrible events on both sides. If the statement of both governments does not avert the calamity."

"Nothing ought to prevent Collins (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

BRITISH TITLE WON BY YANKEE GOLFER

Hagen Tops With 300 Score for 72 Holes—Barnes Ties for Second Place.

By the Associated Press.
SANDWICH, England, June 23.—Walter Hagen, the American professional golf star, won the British open championship today.

He had a score of 300 for the seventy-two holes of medal competition. Jim Barnes, American open champion, and Jock Hutchison, the Yankee who won the British title last year, had cards of 301 and 302, respectively.

Barnes was tied for second place by George Duncan, the veteran British player. Hutchison was fourth.

J. H. Taylor, the British star, was fifth with 303, doing his last round in 76.

Hagen finished with a magnificent 72 on the final round to gain the title. Hutchison, who led by one stroke at the end of the first round, lost 75 for his final trip. Barnes finished with a 73.

Deadly approach shots and particularly fine pitch-and-run shots featured Hagen's fourth round. His putting, too, was exceptionally good. His fourth round card was:

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Hutchison had a disastrous experience at the fourth hole in the final round, taking a seven. He had a fine four at the sixth, however, where he pitched the ball to within three feet of the pin after pulling his second shot badly.

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MONDELL FORECASTS HOUSE ADJOURNMENT FRIDAY NEXT WEEK

Adjournment of the House by concurrent resolution will be taken not later than next Friday, if the members of the House maintain a quorum to rush through the appropriation bills, House Leader Mr. Mondell announced on the floor today.

This adjournment would be for thirty days or five weeks. The Senate would remain in session, but would have to pass the concurrent resolution allowing the House to adjourn.

D. C. BILLS PUSHED BEFORE LAST DAY

Members of the House District committee endeavored today to reach an agreement by which the Fitzgerald workmen's compensation bill, which is unfinished business on District day in the House, and the bill creating a new salary schedule for teachers, which is on both the Senate and House calendar, could be acted upon next Monday.

As that probably will be the last District day for this session, the members felt that if possible the teachers' pay bill should be passed. It was decided that no attempt will be made to set aside the Fitzgerald bill, on which there still remains fifty minutes of general debate, unless Representative Fitzgerald himself finds it impossible to get that measure passed.

The committee authorized a favorable report on the Sproul bill as amended by substituting the Phillips bill, providing for location of \$150,000 tubercular school on land owned by the district, at 14th and Upshur streets. The committee left it in the discretion of the chairman to call an executive meeting to consider the advisability of taking up legislation for establishment of bus lines through the city. Representative Hamner, who brought up this question as to whether now was the proper time to consider auto bus lines as a new method of transportation in the district, and the committee's orders should draft a law covering the entire subject, sent for me, and while in his office, he stated to me thus:

"The work of your office is entirely satisfactory. There has never been a complaint filed against you or the office during your administration. You give your whole time to the job. I had hoped that you would be retained during my entire term of office, but these fellows on the hill have been after me."

Letter From White House.
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GRIFFITH TO TAKE OUSTER CASE INTO COURT FOR AIRING

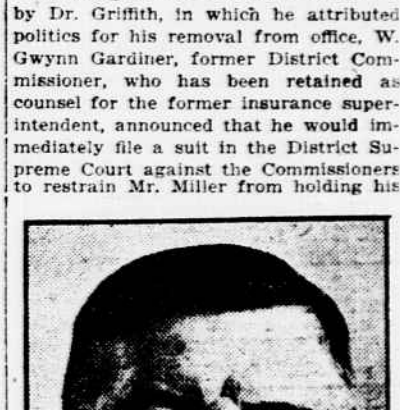
Charges Politics Alone Is Responsible for Dismissal as Insurance Head.

WHITE HOUSE LETTER ENTERS CONTROVERSY

Resignation Sought Three Times Despite Commissioner's O. K. on Conduct of Office.

Another political controversy over the appointment of District officials and plans for the institution of legal proceedings to determine whether employees of the District government are under the civil service statutes came as a sequel today to the dismissal from office yesterday of Dr. Lewis A. Griffith, superintendent of insurance. Dr. Griffith was relieved from duty by the Commissioner yesterday "for the good of the service." At the same time Burt A. Miller was appointed his successor.

Politics, Says Griffith.
Following the issuance of a statement by Dr. Griffith, in which he attributed politics for his removal from office, W. Gwynn Gardner, former District Commissioner, who has been retained as counsel for the former insurance superintendent, announced that he would immediately file a suit in the District Supreme Court against the Commissioners to restrain Mr. Miller from holding his position.



DR. LEWIS A. GRIFFITH.

position at the head of the insurance department. The legal proceedings, Mr. Gardner said, are designed to test whether the District government employees are under the civil service. "If the District government employees are under the civil service," Mr. Gardner said, "the Commissioners had no power or authority to dismiss Dr. Griffith without filing written charges against him, which they declined to do."

Under Civil Service.
In his opinion, Mr. Gardner pointed out, the District government employees come under the civil service statutes, because a certain percentage of their salary is deducted for the civil service retirement fund. Dr. Griffith, he maintained, was under the civil service, because 2 1/2 per cent of his salary since August, 1920, has been deducted for the retirement fund.

Dr. Griffith charged in his statement that not only did the Commissioner refuse to file any charges against him, but declined to let him appear before them.

"No charges of any character have been preferred against me so far as I have been able to understand," said Dr. Griffith. "Upon the contrary, during March of the present year Commissioner Rudolph, who has direct charge and supervision of my office under the present Commissioner's assignment of duties, sent for me, and while in his office, he stated to me thus: 'The work of your office is entirely satisfactory. There has never been a complaint filed against you or the office during your administration. You give your whole time to the job. I had hoped that you would be retained during my entire term of office, but these fellows on the hill have been after me.'"

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WEST VIRGINIA MOB SLAYS TWO MINERS

Several Injured in Attack on Trolley Load of Non-Union Men.

By the Associated Press.
CLARKSBURG, W. Va., June 23.—Two men were killed, a deputy sheriff suffered a broken arm and a dozen other persons received minor injuries, when a mob attacked an interurban traction car carrying non-union miners and officers of the Hudson Coal Company, guarded by deputy sheriffs, from this city to the Lewis mine near Reynoldsville this morning.

The mob stopped the car, pulled off the trolley and swarmed aboard. Two of the attacking party were shot as they crawled through windows.

The mine was opened on an open-shop basis Monday.

MR. COOLIDGE CARRIES WIFE'S KNITTING BAG TO CABINET MEETING

Vice President Coolidge came out of the cabinet meeting this morning carrying a much-battered handbag, found at the door he had forgotten something, returned to the cabinet room and came out again, still carrying the reticule. Newspapers' curiosity could not be abated after the vice president returned to the cabinet room and the Vice President was stopped for demands to know what he was carrying.

He denied that there was anything valuable in it.

"Really it's Mrs. Coolidge's bag to carry knitting in," the Vice President explained with some embarrassment and a volubility almost never encountered from him. "People insist on writing letters to me at the hotel where I live, and sometimes I carry the bag full down to the office. Today I forgot I was going to cabinet meeting and filled up the bag and then had to bring it along."

SIX SHOT DOWN IN BELFAST RIOTS

Mr. Ireland and Miss English Wounded—Ulster Officials Carefully Guarded.

By the Associated Press.
BELFAST, June 23.—The situation here was one of great anxiety today, owing to the high state of feeling over the assassination of Field Marshal Wilson in London.

Special precautions were taken in the disturbed areas, but the military and police were forced to fire on mobs several times. The casualties by mid-morning were six wounded. The area mainly affected is situated between Grosvenor street and Falls road.

Virtually every member of the Ulster government is under police protection. A man named Ireland and a girl named English were wounded in the Belfast riots.

Heavy rifle fire broke out in the Cullinstown road district today while the curfew was still in effect. A wide area was soon affected, and, despite the efforts of a large force of military and police to dislodge the gunmen, the firing continued. The outbreak followed an attack on a police car in the district between Grosvenor street and Falls road, which is traversed by Cullinstown road.

Incendiaries this morning destroyed a store in Grosvenor street, occupied by Mrs. Margaret McCollough, mother of Dennis McCollough, former Sinn Fein envoy to the United States.

MAN NAMED LAWLESS SLAIN.
Armed Men Kill ex-Soldier in Dublin Tenement House.

ARMY PROMOTIONS HELD UP 6 MONTHS

Senate Committee Keeps 24 Lieutenant Colonels and 28 Majors in Suspense.

The Senate military affairs committee today decided to postpone action on the nominations of Army officers for promotions now before it for at least six months. The Army appropriation bill, as agreed to in conference, provides that there shall be promotion of officers under the rank of brigadier general for six months after the passage of the act.

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GOMPERS CHOSEN FOR 41ST TERM

Ovation Greets Unanimous Election—Russian Recognition to Come Up.

By the Associated Press.
CINCINNATI, Ohio, June 23.—President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor was re-elected without opposition today at the federation's annual convention. It was his forty-first election to the office.

After the unanimous vote had been cast for Mr. Gompers a demonstration broke loose among the delegates which continued a few minutes. Then Mr. Gompers thanked the delegates and added:

"I shall endeavor to give the best that is in me."

The convention also re-elected James Duncan of Quincy, Mass., representing the granite cutters' union, as a first vice president; Joseph F. Valentine, Cincinnati, moulder's union, second vice president; Frank Duffy, Indianapolis, carpenters' union, third vice president; William Green, Indianapolis, miners' union, fourth vice president; W. D. Mahon, Detroit, street carmen's union, fifth vice president, and A. Richter of Chicago, garment workers' union, sixth vice president.

The first contest developed when Thomas M. Flaherty of Washington, representing the post office clerks' union, was nominated to oppose the reelection of Jacob Fischer of Indianapolis, president of the barbers' union, as seventh vice president of the federation.

Mr. Flaherty defeated Mr. Fischer for seventh vice president on a vote of 17,725 to 12,275, and then Matthew Wolf of Chicago, representing the photoengravers' union, was re-elected eighth vice president without a contest.

Morrison Is Re-Elected.
The election of officers was completed, except election of fraternal delegates, by the re-election without opposition of Frank Morrison of Washington, as secretary. He is a member of the printers' union and has been secretary for twenty-five years. The delegates arose and applauded the re-election of Mr. Morrison.

In a contest Daniel J. Tobin of Indianapolis, president of the teamsters' union, won re-election as treasurer over Joseph A. Franklin of Kansas City, Kan., president of the bolleymakers' union. The vote was: Tobin, 12,542; Franklin, 12,542.

Aside from the election, the convention faced a big program of work. The officials were representing the national and international federations of labor. The delegates were ready to make a fight on the committee report, and the question of the recognition of Russia. Radical elements among the delegates were ready to make a fight on the committee report, and the question of the recognition of Russia. Radical elements among the delegates were ready to make a fight on the committee report, and the question of the recognition of Russia.

REACHES LANGLEY FIELD.

All-American Blimp to Be Given Helium Gas Test Soon.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., June 23.—The all-American blimp, recently constructed at Dayton, Ohio, has reached Langley Field, government flying station near Hampton, and will be officially tested with helium gas in the near future. The machine will replace the Roma in American experiments with lighter-than-air craft, and now is being assembled by some of the men who helped build her.

TWO DIE IN NITRO BLAST.

Blown to Atoms When Auto Load Explodes in Ohio.

EAST LIVERPOOL, Ohio, June 23.—Two men were blown to atoms and three houses in the outskirts of Wellsville were wrecked early today when a nitro-glycerine, being transported by automobile, exploded.

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